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School reconsiders safety

Kayler Nelson
Staff Writer

With recent events in mind, much concern has been expressed by parents regarding the security of O'Gorman High School in the event of an intrusion.

Law enforcement has encouraged O'Gorman staff to use new terminology in order to have more clarity in an emergency situation.

"In an effort to be more consistent with what law enforcement personnel expect, in the future we will be using different terminology to refer to our level of alert," said assistant principal Joan Mahoney.

These alerts are presented to different situations and are contingent on the level of threat exhibited. "It's really just an attempt to be more accurate," said Mahoney.

In addition to new terminology, law enforcement has contributed to O'Gorman's protection in other ways.

"We invite the Sioux Falls Police Department to perform our lockdown drills in order to point out weaknesses and give feedback of our current plan."

"School safety has been a large topic across the nation," said Mahoney.



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Mrs. Mahoney speaks with *Scroll* reporter Carolyn Frederick about O'Gorman's changes in school safety following the shooting massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newton, Conn.

O'Gorman has equipped itself with many strategies in order to keep the school secure in the event of an emergency situation. "We have a very good camera security system with over 30 cameras," said Mahoney. "They are only here to keep the kids safe."

Keeping along the lines of technology, O'Gorman has also installed computer controlled access to the exterior doors of

the building in order to regulate who enters the building.

"We really credit the new building with our heightened security," said Mahoney. "It was built with protection in mind."

"Because of the precautions we take, I feel like O'Gorman is a pretty safe place to be," said junior Samie Domm.

Although O'Gorman has taken a stance for protection at the

school, some parents feel as if, due to the latest school invasion at Sandy Hook Elementary, more measures need to be taken in order to keep their children safe.

"We should have an armed officer to protect our children and administration," said O'Gorman parent Monica Porter VanDeBerg. "Nobody can be on guard during the entire school day unless it is their job to do so."

Winter formal changes location

Kyle Scholten
Sports Co-Editor

O'Gorman's annual winter formal will be experiencing a venue change this February. With the popularity of formal growing there have been many question marks surrounding this occasion.

"We wanted a larger venue," said formal coordinator Mr. Doug Basche. "So we're going to the convention center." The convention center will be almost double the size of the previous location of the formal, the El Riad Shrine.

The Sioux Falls convention center will also provide many perks previously not seen in the winter formal's past.

"I asked for the largest stage possible," said Basche. In addition to the big items, the convention center will also provide other amenities such as table cloths, table settings, and leather

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Empire Mall to undergo renovations

Ben Rogers
Opinion Co-Editor

Shoppers at the largest one story mall in America will be happy to hear that the Empire Mall will be getting a complete renovation that will start in a couple weeks.

The Empire Mall is scheduled to begin renovation this month and will be done by next November.

"Through this renovation the Empire Mall hopes to better serve customers whether they are here to shop, dine or to be entertained," said mall general manager Dennis Gilliam earlier this year in a press release.

A large-scale operation like this usually causes customers headaches, but Mrs. Jennifer Morrison, director of marketing and business development at the Empire mall said, "The improvements will be done in such a way as to minimize interference or customer inconvenience during

the mall's operating hours. This means much of the work will occur when no shoppers are on the premises."

Some of the major improvements will be new flooring throughout the mall, and a redevelopment of the center court area.

A new cafe court will be open with new landscaping, lighting and padded seats. Modernized restrooms will be added featuring complementary amenities and a brand new look.

Along with that, a new children's play area will be installed which will have carpet and play elements.

Junior Tommy Entwistle believes that the new cafe court will be a key addition in the new mall.

"I believe that the new food court will be the best improvement," said Entwistle. "That always seems like the place where the most people are, so it only made sense to expand and update it."



PRESS PHOTO

The Empire Mall will begin working on developing a new look beginning in February.

On the outside, the main entrance will get a new two story glass facade which will also have a glass awning for easier pick up

and drop off of mall patrons.

The cafe court entrance will be redesigned to have exterior seating and a pathway to improve

traffic flow in and out.

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Convention center to be new home of winter formal

New venue replaces downtown spot,
convention center to have larger stage

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furniture.

The larger stage will allow more ambitious students to show off their dance moves in front of fellow classmates.

The increased stage size will allow for more room for the lighting used by the formal disc jockey. This will allow for a more intense experience on the dance floor.

"I've been going to the El Riad Shrine for formal since freshman year," says president of the student council, senior Michelle Pestrasko. "This year's change in venue is going to be really exciting."

Due to the fact that this new location offers different uses and perks, students can expect the convention center to be the new annual spot for the winter formal.

The theme of this year's formal is "Knight with the Stars." Students can expect many Hollywood themes throughout this

new venue.

One exciting item is the alleged Hollywood-themed ice sculpture. The actual item that the sculpture will resemble has yet to be revealed.

O'Gorman has also changed the rules for those outside of O'Gorman who wish to attend formal with their significant other.

In addition to the rule that a student may bring a date one year out of high school, students may also bring a date two years out of high school if he or she is an O'Gorman graduate.

Due to the change in location, the price of rent has increased. Students will have to expect an increase in ticket prices as well. This will add to all the costs that students experience with dinner, suits and other pleasantries.

Formal tickets will go on sale Feb. 2. The actual formal dance will be Sunday, Feb. 17 during the long Presidents break.

Junior faculty advisers will be chaperoning the dance.



PRESS PHOTO

A newly designed cafe court will greet Empire Mall shoppers.

Local mall plans renovations

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The Empire Mall is hoping that with the renovation new tenants will come along and want to set up business in Sioux Falls. "We are already working on lease commitments with several national chains," said Mr. Doug Stilson, vice president of leasing.

With this renovation comes

the chance of new stores arriving in Sioux Falls.

Morrison did not release any specific numbers on how much the renovation will cost, only saying that it is a large-scale project and they don't want to release figures right now.

This renovation to the Empire mall will make it sleek, modern, and have all the amenities seen in bigger cities' malls.

A major renovation to a city icon like the Empire Mall will certainly gain attention and publicity as the weeks go on.

Each and every change made in the mall will likely be noticed by many Sioux Falls shoppers. About 1.2 million people visit this mall each year, and every single one of those people will see the changes made.

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Jolene Steffen shares with students her experiences at a Students for Life meeting at O’Gorman Junior High. Steffen shares her story of two children lost to genetic complications. High school and junior high students are invited to meet and participate at Students for Life meetings in the middle school building Fridays before school.

Campus ministry organizes drive to collect clothes

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

After winter formal in February, the campus ministry team is organizing a dress, tuxedo and suit donation for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

These dresses, tuxedos and suits will be used to put on an annual teen prom for the cancer patients ages 13 to 19 and their families.

“These families have a lot of money tied up in providing medical care for their children and, this helps ease some financial burden for them,” said Mr. Jon Konz.

The dresses will be donated to children suffering from cancer, which inhibits their ability to enjoy typical experiences. The youth at St. Jude’s are in need of medical care and undergoing chemotherapy.

“The annual teen prom is an event they all look forward to,” said Konz.

The campus ministry team hopes

students will donate their used formal dresses after winter formal.

“I know it can be fun to keep your dresses over the years, but wouldn’t it be great to give away a dress so these kids can have some great memories too?” said Konz.

The message will be brought out to the students by tweeting, making signs, posting announcements and spreading the message around by word of mouth.

The idea to participate in the donation was brought to campus ministry by Maria Barnett, an O’Gorman alumna. She is the Philanthropy Chair for the Delta Delta Delta sorority at Creighton University.

“She is an excellent example of what we hope our students take with them when they graduate, the knowledge that service is a way of life,” said Konz.

The team hopes for students to participate in this opportunity to serve.

Day set aside for retreat

First time class retreats take place on same date

Haley Heiberger
Faith Editor

O’Gorman’s annual class retreats will take place with a new format this year. Unlike past years, each class will go on retreat on the same day, which will be April 18.

“As far as scheduling goes, it’s beneficial for the school as a whole,” said Campus Minister Mr. Jonathan Konz. “It’s a monumental day for our school.”

In the past, each class met on separate days throughout the year. Along with scheduling benefits, holding each retreat on the same day provides the opportunity for more of the faculty to be involved.

“It’s an opportunity for the teachers to be leaders in the faith,” said Ms. Michelle Shields.

The entire staff will have the chance to be involved with retreats, a benefit to the change.

“It emphasizes our mission, what it’s all about,” said Shields. “It’s important for the students to see it’s not just the theology department.”

Another change in the retreat format is the senior class retreat.

“It is the first year we’re doing a full class senior retreat,” said Konz. “This is a new era of our retreat program.”

Previously, the seniors could attend optional retreats. There was one senior retreat per semester.

“This will help with class bonding,” said Shields. “It will help to close out the year and transition to college.”

Each class’s retreat will have a different, specific purpose. The senior retreat will focus mainly on living with a healthy mind, body and spirit after high school. The seniors will travel to Hartford and retreat at Fr. David Desmond’s home parish, St. George’s.

The freshman class will stay at O’Gorman and spend a day centered around relationships.

“They’ll be looking specifically at relationships with God, themselves and others,” said Konz.

Sophomore service day will continue to look the same as the past.

“It’s about discovering how service is a way of life,” said Konz.

The junior retreat will remain the same as the past years as well.

The juniors will travel to Broom Tree retreat center in Irene, S.D. They will learn about their identity as sons and daughters of God.

Despite the fact that the retreats each have different purposes, each will have the important aspects of growth in faith and community.

“The retreats are a real community builder,” said Shields.

“In terms of retreat culture, it really helps build a sense of com-

munity,” said Konz about the new date.

One of the many goals for class retreats is building on the school’s mission statement and creating a truly faith-centered community.

“I am excited for our class retreat,” said senior Bethany Claussen. “The retreats so far have helped unite us as a class, and I look forward to our last retreat day together.”

This year’s new schedule is intended to help build a united community, between both classmates and staff members as an O’Gorman community.

According to Konz, an important contributing factor to the community is the fact that each class will attend Mass throughout the day.

“We as a whole get to share in that universality of the Catholic Mass,” said Konz.

Konz believes the retreat day will be a success, and the changes are both minimal but full of impact on the day.

“We can get everybody witnessing for Christ,” said Konz.

Seasons change, Lent begins

Haley Heiberger
Faith Editor

The Church calendar takes a quick shift of gears this year. Lent begins on Feb. 17, quickly after the end of the Christmas season.

“Whereas Advent is a season of expectation and joy, Lent is more of an inward-focused attempt for conversion,” said Mr. Jonathan Konz.

Though the season is different than Advent, Lent is a season that offers many opportunities for spiritual growth.

“We get to know Christ on a whole new level,” said Konz. “It’s a way of aligning ourselves with the suffering of Christ.”

“During Lent I love being able to really let go and let God,” said junior Victoria Madigan. “Giving something up always reminds me that God is the most important.”

Moustache brings laughs in latest one act show

Carolyn Fredrick
Entertainment Co-Editor

Actors are hitting the stage once again in preparation for this year's one act show.

The Moustache is a dark comedy about a cowardly chancellor of a small nation. After he decides to grow a moustache to improve his self-confidence, his moustache gains a mind of its own.

The moustache slowly corrupts and shapes Phil Stevenson, played by sophomore Christian Heisler, into a ruthless, power-hungry ruler.

The main characters include Phil, Ernest Lipton (Alex Shields), the Moustache (Thomas Motz), Linda (Bailey Larson) and the narrators Molly Billion and Sarah Dougherty.

"It's definitely a different type of show from last year, *The Amish Project*," said Shields. "This year Ms. Fester took on the project of doing a comedy."

The practices are held after school Monday through Thursday. The show will have a one night showing at O'Gorman on Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. It will also be performed in Brandon at 4:15 on Feb 1.

"It brings together a great group of talented individuals who are ready to work hard and accomplish a performance worthy of praise," said Shields.

The lead role of Phil was well received by Heisler. "I was hoping to get the lead but didn't quite expect to get it," said Heisler.

This show has had a lot of



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Seniors Molly Billion (left) and Sarah Dougherty rehearse a scene from the one act play *The Moustache*. The play will run at O'Gorman Jan. 29, at Brandon Jan. 31 and at the state One Act Festival Feb. 1-2.

preparation for only three performances. "With the help of the rest of the cast and our director Teresa Fester, we will work together to make this show one to

remember," said Heisler.

The show will be judged and ranked by a group of panelists during the one act festival held in Brandon Feb. 1-2.

School explores new course in mobile apps

Mark Yeager
Activities Co-Editor

One of the fastest growing businesses today is the mobile market.

People all over the world are constantly checking their phones and using mobile applications.

Soon O'Gorman students will get to learn about and be a part of the process that goes into the production of these applications. This will be done through the new Mobile Applications class that will be available fall 2013 for students to enroll.

The course will be offered as a way for students to become more involved in what affects them every day. Students are constantly using apps for utility and entertainment purposes.

Senior Brian Lawler is familiar with mobile devices and would like to take a class related to it. "It sounds like an interesting idea and I wish I could take it," said Lawler.

Many other seniors have shown interest in the new course and wish that they could take it as well.

Mr. Nathan Hofflander is the computer science teacher at O'Gorman High School.

He has shown much excitement in anticipation of the new course. "The course is about getting to know the market and how to put together a concept map. Closer to the end of the semes-

ter we will get to coding," said Hofflander. "They talk about a 'real-application class.' It doesn't get more real than this."

The students in mobile applications will be working with the Droid operating system. "Because it's open source, which means that we will have full control over our apps after we deploy them," said Hofflander.

Tanner Groshens is an O'Gorman senior who has interest in technology.

"Mobile Applications is a great opportunity to learn about their mobile devices," said Groshens. The class will be an opportunity for students to learn more about what they use everyday.

Students will be working with an emulator on computers. It will simulate the Droid operating system

The course will not be a code heavy course but instead will consist of conceptualizing and designing apps that will be created in groups. This also means that the course will be accessible to all students unlike more code heavy classes such as AP Computer Programming.

Mr. Hofflander hopes to have his students creating apps for other activities in the school. This may include a schedule application and even a *Knight Scroll* application.

The class will allow students to create useful applications for devices that are used daily by the

Rocket team sets sights on nationals

Sam Breske
Staff Writer

The rocket team is blasting off again in hopes of another chance at making it to the national competition. Coached by Ms. Jane Schnell, the team is still in its developmental stages but has high hopes for the year.

"Early in the season, everyone on the team has a chance to design a rocket on RockSim 9, which is the program we use to run simulations," said sophomore Phillip Petrasko.

In the past, the rocket team has been very competitive at a national level. In fact, the team has been to the Team America Rocketry Competition national tournament three out of the last four years

Despite this level of success, the rock team has managed to fly under the radar of most

of the O'Gorman student body. "I didn't even know we had a rocket team," said junior Andrew Sammons.

"The number of members on the rocket team has been decreasing over the years - I think this is because people are misinformed and don't see rocket team as a fun thing to do," explained Petrasko. "Once you get into actually launching the rockets it really is a lot of fun."

Regardless of numbers, the rocket team is looking forward to a successful season. "Our team has the potential to do well all season, and even at nationals, we just need to work hard and stay dedicated."

Recently, O'Gorman graduate Joshua McQuade stopped by to assist the team in computer simulations and calculations. McQuade graduated in 2010 and served as captain.



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O'Gorman graduate Joshua McQuade (left) shows Ben Briggs, Samuel Olson, Phillip Petrasko and Lucas McGowan software for rocket calibration. The team hopes to compete once again at nationals.



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Girls hang tough in close wins, losses

Pierce Edman
Kyle Scholten

The Lady Knights started off their 2012-2013 campaign against each of the Rapid City schools. This season O'Gorman is led by senior Allie Kneip, junior Claire Howes and sophomore Jess Miras.

"Allie is a good leader," said Dalee Stene. "She pushes us to our full potential. When we don't know what we are doing she is always there."

The Lady Knights started off their undefeated opening week-end against Rapid City Central. They edged out the Cobblers 54-44.

The next day they went on and beat Rapid City Stevens. Miras led the Lady Knights with a total of 29 points. The game ended with O'Gorman leading 52-39.

"This year we only have one senior on the team," said Kate Cartwright. "So we have an age disadvantage."

Roosevelt was the next team on the Lady Knights' schedule. This was a close game up until the final buzzer. The final score was 39-37 with Roosevelt on top.

"We are a good transition team on the offensive side," said Stene. "We have some work to do on the defensive side."

The Lady Knights then faced

the undefeated Golden Eagles from Aberdeen Central. After a slow start for the Lady Knights, the girls tried to bounce back. The Golden Eagles held strong however, winning the game 46-30.

The Lady Knights responded winning their next two games against Brandon Valley and Harrisburg.

The Lady Knights then traveled east to then face out of state opponent Marshall. Marshall defeated the Lady Knights 48-41.

After traveling east, the Knights traveled cross state to play three GDC opponents. The Knights won a close game against the Stevens Raiders 57-56.

The Sturgis Scoopers were the next target. The Lady Knights experienced trouble against the Scoopers losing 47-36.

The Knights came back strong the next week against cross-city rival Lincoln. After a neck and neck game the Knights beat out the Patriots 47-45.

"We know our keys to us being successful are to play good defense, rebound, and be efficient on the offensive end," said coach Kent Kolsrud.

"We are trying to play a little more up-tempo and want to be aggressive on offense without forcing action that is not available."



SAMANTHA LENZ / KNIGHT SCROLL

Above: Sophomore Dalee Stene looks to pass against a Lincoln defender. The Lady Knights defeated Lincoln 47-45. Lincoln and O'Gorman will lock up again Feb. 16 at the O'Gorman gym.



SAMANTHA LENZ / KNIGHT SCROLL

Left: Kent Kolsrud coaches the Lady Knights during a timeout against cross town rival, Lincoln. With the win, the Lady Knights pushed their record to 6-5.

Students enjoy spirited competition, winter activity in YMCA basketball

Marissa Tran
Leah Billion

January 6 marked the beginning of the highly anticipated Hi-Y basketball season.

Hi-Y has been a popular activity among high schoolers in the Sioux Falls area for many years.

This year's turnout is at an all-time high with 65 total teams, compared to last year's 55.

"I have too many teams. But it's great to see all the kids participate and have fun," said John Seitz, Hi-Y organizer for the last seven years.

Many of these teams are comprised of O'Gorman students.

A few of the O'G teams include the junior boys "Back Court Boys", the senior girls "Edgar Ballin' Poes" and "Swaggin Waggon", and the senior boys "Team NICE", the "Rainmakers", the "Flint Tropics" and the "Fighting Chrysanthemums".

"Hi-Y is a lot better than high school basketball," says senior Austin Pharis of the Flint Trop-



MARISSA TRAN / KNIGHT SCROLL

The Rainmakers, a senior Hi-Y team, motivate each other after a win in the YMCA youth basketball league.

ics. "It's more fun and laid-back."

Last Hi-Y season, the girls league was cancelled altogether as only three teams signed up. This year, however, a total of ten girls teams have joined in the fun.

"I'm so excited to get to play this year. My team was so disappointed when last year's league was shut down," says senior Molly Billion.

In past years, the competition

between teams has gotten pretty intense. Teams face bitter rivals as they battle their way to the playoffs, which begin in mid-March.

"The Rainmakers are ready to win it all," says senior David Koch. "We practice once a week and hope to defeat our biggest competitor, Washington High school's Hoosier Daddy."

Gymnasts prepare for state title run

Samantha Lenz
Opinion Co-Editor

The O'Gorman High School gymnastics team has put together a solid season so far, wrapping up the Brookings triangular with a second place finish.

"There still is a lot of room to grow," said sophomore Courtney Miller. "This is our time to work hard and prepare for the state tournament."

"We have been really trying to focus on what we did at our last meet to prepare ourselves for the next meet," said sophomore Emily Groth.

Finishing in third place at the state tournament last year gives the team determination to finish this season out strong.

"Our goal for this season was to make progress," said Miller.

Last season Josie Heisel led the team as captain. The leadership role has now been handed down to juniors Abby Thuringer

and Taylor Kelsey.

"With the loss of a key senior, we definitely had some shoes to fill," said Thuringer.

"Falls, bent knees or even flexed toes can be the difference between a first and second place finish," said Miller.

The girls have four opportunities to better their team's score as they compete in the events: bars, beam, floor and vault.

"Abby is our strongest vaulter. Her high scores set us apart from other teams," said Groth.

With strengths there also comes weaknesses.

"Beam is a deal breaker for our team. Beam is where you lose the most points," said Miller.

"We have worked hard this year but the next few weeks are going to be tough as we attempt to perfect our routines," said Groth.

The gymnastics team returns to the mats for the state tournament on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Knights face tough climb

Pierce Edman
Sports Co-Editor

The O'Gorman Knights basketball team began the 2012-2013 season with a target on their back after winning the last three state titles. They started the season on the wrong foot splitting their first six games.

A highly ranked district opponent was a recent game for the Knights. The number four ranked Bobcats started off the game hot gaining a quick 12-3 lead in the first three minutes of the game.

The Knights bounced back during the second quarter bringing the deficit down to one but to no avail. In a low scoring thriller, the Knights lost 36-32.

The Knights kicked off their season by playing Rapid City Central and won 43-36. They lost the next day to Rapid City Stevens in a last second finish which ended 49-44. The Knights then faced cross town rival Lincoln Patriots. They lost to the Patriots 75-48.

The Knights regrouped against the Golden Eagles of Aberdeen, winning 54-40.

"I think the key to success is coming together as a team and

defending," said junior guard Connor Nagel.

The Knights went on to face the then undefeated Watertown Arrows. After three close quarters, the Arrows gained a substantial lead. The final score was 73-56, leaving the Knights with a 3-3 record.

The Knights looked to bounce back against the Mitchell Kernels in the Mike Miller Classic. After a slow start, the Knights put things together and won 56-51.

The Knights then traveled West River to face three GDC opponents. They started their three day journey playing against Rapid City Stevens. The Knights gained the lead early and held on to beat the Raiders 58-49.

The Knights then played again the next day against the Sturgis Scoopers. After a quick lead gained by the Scoopers, the Knights changed the momentum in their favor. The Knights then won handily 57-42.

The Knights finished their three day span against a young Rapid City Central team. The Cobblers started off on a 10-0 run to start the game.

The Knights came close to overcoming the lead by bringing

the deficit down to four, but never got any closer than that. The Knights lost the game 50-46.

Inner city rival Washington Warriors was the next game on the Knights' schedule. After gaining a steady lead in the first quarter, the Knights went on a dry spell.

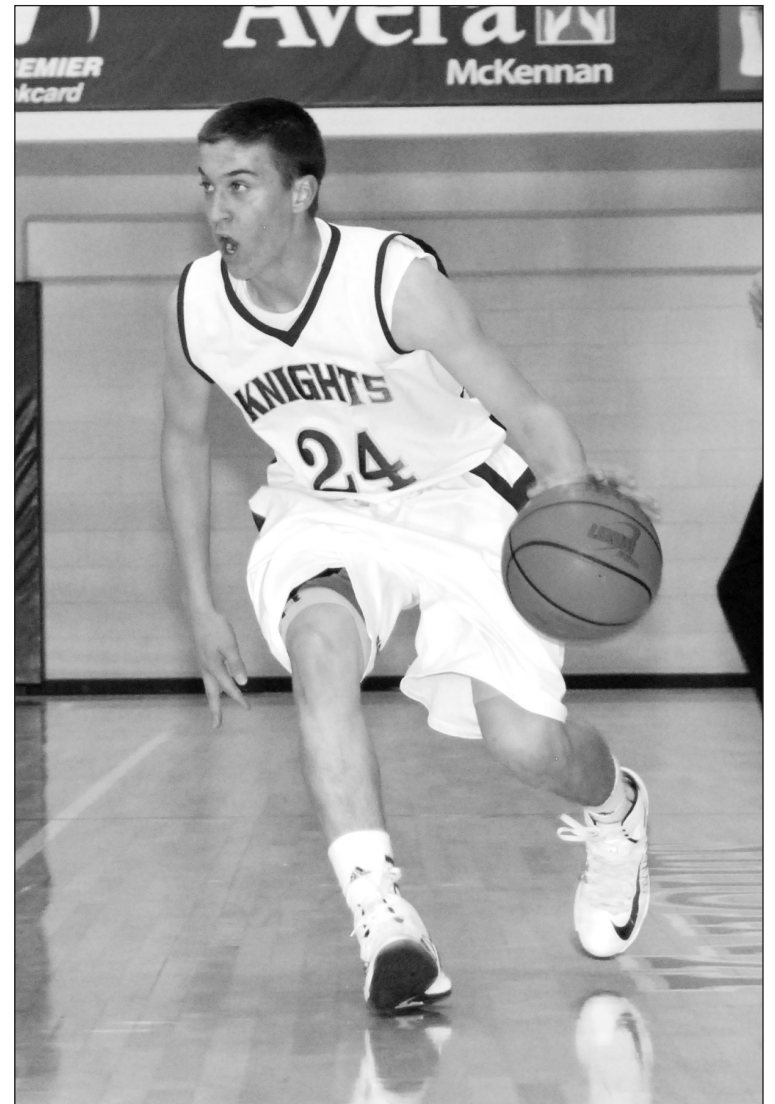
The Knights went on a twelve minute scoreless run. During this time, the Warriors gradually shot themselves back into the game. After a few exchanged baskets, the Warriors took the lead and never looked back. The Warriors beat the home team 42-35.

"Our ultimate goal is to make it back to the state tournament," said senior Jack Lund.

With the season halfway over, there are a lot of question marks with where this Knights team will end up.

The starting line-up has seen many changes throughout the span of the season.

Thus far, the Knights have been led by seniors Kyle Scholten and Tyler Pals with many players such as senior Lund, Nagel, Sophomores Ben Johnson and Braxton Elliot stepping up and contributing.



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Junior Connor Nagel brings the ball upcourt against the Arrows.

Seniors lead retooled wrestling team



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Senior Jack Schuver goes for the take down against West Central opponent.

Pierce Edman
Kyle Scholten

O'Gorman's wrestling team is looking to go through a rebuilding stage this season. With only three seniors on the roster, the Knights are looking to their younger members to step up.

This year's roster features more underclassmen than upperclassmen. There are even wrestlers that have been moved up from junior high level. Twenty-five of the wrestlers on the roster go to school at the junior high.

"Our program is young and rebuilding so we need to work our hardest against everyone and get these seventh graders, eighth graders and freshmen some experience," said senior Jack Schuver.

Schuver started his wrestling career in eighth grade. He made it to the state tournament last season. He now wrestles in the 220 pound weight class and has a 22-8 season record.

"I go out and do my very best to win whether I'm wrestling the number 1 kid in the state or a sev-

enth grader," said Schuver. "Anything can happen in this sport so it is important to take advantage of every opportunity you get."

"Personally, I somehow manage to consistently have close matchups with most of the people I wrestle," said senior Conor Tomac.

Tomac has been wrestling since he was a young boy. Along with Schuver, he was one of the few Knights to make it to state last year. He now wrestles in the 126 pound weight class.

O'Gorman will finish out their season with matches at Washington on Feb. 2 followed by their final match at Madison on Feb. 7. That will be the last chance for the Knights to prove that they are ready for state.

Wrestlers must qualify to make it into the state tournament at regions in Brookings. Regions are on Feb. 16.

The state tournament for wrestling this season starts on Feb. 22 and goes through Feb. 23. The tournament is in Watertown this year.

Frozen Yogurt Face-Off



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Red Mango

Located in the Beakson Centre at 4805 S. Louise Avenue, Red Mango is one of the healthiest fro-yo options in town.

Red Mango's yogurt is 100% all natural, non-fat, certified gluten free and contains no artificial sweeteners. There is no doubt that Red Mango offers a great alternative to ice cream.

However, their lack of flavor variety and mediocre overall taste take away from the positive healthy aspects of the yogurt.

Taste should not be compromised in the search for a healthy dessert.

Red Mango is the only place in town to offer their customers a choice of delicious fruit smoothies, parfaits, and hot chocolate.

The atmosphere of Red Mango is slightly cozier than other yogurt places, with their fireplace and warm colored walls.



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Orange Leaf

As the newest frozen yogurt store in town, Orange Leaf has swept the scene with their original flavors and top-notch taste.

They have 18 flavors available of their 72 that are constantly in rotation. Just a few unique flavors include February's "Wedding Cake" and "White Chocolate Raspberry."

Their yogurt is made using milk, rather than the water and powder used by many chains.

The one downfall of the overall great experience is the overly hands-on employees. Instead of being offered a couple of sample cups, the workers must distribute the samples, making for a very awkward situation.

Cleverly located on South Louise Avenue near Chuck-e-Cheese, Orange Leaf is sure to be a hit.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Cherry Berry

Cherry Berry: the instigator of Sioux Falls' frozen yogurt frenzy. Having been around the longest, Cherry Berry exceeds in the area of customer loyalty.

After the original store, located at 5107 South Louise Ave, attracted much attention, a second location was opened at Dawley Farms.

Cherry Berry offers 14 flavors and 56 toppings for the enjoyment of their customers. While slightly less creamy than Orange Leaf's yogurt, what Cherry Berry lacks in taste, they make up for in fresh toppings.

Cherry Berry is famous for their dairy-less sorbets and tangy fruit flavors.

As the only store to offer customizable yogurt pies as well as Cherry Berry memorabilia, this yogurt store is surely unique.

Cherry Berry started a yogurt trend, and will remain a city favorite.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Peachwave

Peachwave prides itself on having "the freshest yogurt, and the freshest toppings." They put emphasis on the flavor and texture of their yogurt.

However, depending on the day, Peachwave's yogurt may have a gritty texture due to the powder used to make it.

While they have a mere ten flavors to choose from at a time, Peachwave offers over 42 toppings. Customers can personalize their yogurt to match their mood.

With one location at The Bridges at 57th and a second newly opening in the mall, Peachwave is very convenient.

Offered at both locations are handy cup separators to prevent the intermingling of flavors.

Overall, Peachwave's yogurt, combined with their bright and welcoming atmosphere, makes for a decently fun treat.

Marissa: B -

Leah: C

Marissa: A

Leah: A

Marissa: C

Leah: B

Marissa: B +

Leah: C

iPad mini offers convenience as alternative to larger model

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"There's less of it, but no less to it," says Apple.

The iPad mini, recently released, has all the capabilities of an iPad in a smaller, more convenient package.

The original iPad was an Apple hit with its multitude of available apps, games, music, and functions. Users can search the web, take photos and videos, and even read books on the tablet.

The iPad mini allows for all of this on a smaller, LED-backlit screen. With its 7.9-inch display, the iPad mini can be easily hand held and transported, as opposed to its 9.5-inch older brother.

With a width the size of a pencil, the iPad mini can fit

easily into any bag or purse for easy access.

The new, smaller size makes it much easier to type and utilize the 275,000 plus apps and games from the App Store.

The iPad mini is the fastest and most fluid iPad yet. It's powerful A5 chip makes for the best movie-watching, game-playing, and photo-editing experience possible.

The iPad mini has new, advanced Wi-Fi technology built in, making simple iPad functions feel even faster. The mini is up to twice as fast as any previous generation iPad.

The iPad mini even comes with the choice of a cellular feature to allow for internet access even when Wi-Fi is unavailable.

With its 10-hour battery life, HD camera, and advanced mobile operating system, the mini is the best iPad yet.

The iCloud function allows information from each of one's apple products to be synced to all devices. The mini is great to pair with a Macbook, in order to take one's work and information anywhere he goes.

The iPad mini is exactly what Apple designers had envisioned when proposing the original iPad.

Cost for the iPad mini starts at \$329. Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi plus cellular models are available with data plans from Sprint, Verizon or at&t.

Overall Rating: A+

DC takes lead of Marvel in latest development of Justice League flick

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Superhero fever is in the air as DC Comics has announced details regarding the Justice League movie. After the success of Marvel's *The Avengers*, DC Comics plans to release a team-up superhero movie of their very own.

Nic Steffl is an O'Gorman High School senior. "Because of the *Man of Steel*'s director it's indicative of it actually being a good Superman movie," said Steffl. Director Zack Snyder will be directing *Man of Steel*. He is known for such works as *300* (2006) and *Watchmen* (2009).

The superhero line-up for the Justice League has been announced and is to be based on Gerry Conway's Justice League of America comics, issues 183 to 185. Superman must team up with Batman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern,

Flash, Martian Manhunter, and Aquaman.

Superman is set to be played by Henry Cavill who is also starring in *Man of Steel*. Batman has not been confirmed to be acted by Christian Bale from the Dark Knight movies.

Junior Andy Jones is excited about Batman's placement in the new Justice League movie. "You have to have Christian Bale, you can't do it without him," said Jones. "A new actor wouldn't live up to the Batman expectations."

Senior Mason Walker is a fan of many of the recent superhero films from both DC Comics and Marvel Studios. "I like that they put good values into society," said Walker. "The movies also teach good morals."

DC Comics hopes for similar success to that of Marvel's *The Avengers* for *The Justice League* which releases in 2015.

Argo, Les Mis among hopefuls to nab Academy's biggest prize

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The 2013 awards season is in full swing. The media is full of speculation on which movies, directors, and actors will take home highly acclaimed awards.

With the Critics Choice Awards and the Golden Globes ending, the Oscars, set to air live on Feb. 24, are just around the corner.

The crowd favorite, *Les Misérables*, is a hopeful to win it all this season. Based on the international musical sensation and Victor Hugo's novel of strife and redemption in 19th century France, *Les Misérables* has already won the three top Golden Globes.

Les Mis is also nominated for a grand total of eight Academy Awards.

Actress Anne Hathaway, who plays the dying prostitute, Fantine, won a Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress. Hathaway is also nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress as well.



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Amanda Seyfried and Eddie Redmayne embrace within *Les Misérables*. The film was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

Hugh Jackman, who plays the prisoner turned hero, was awarded the Golden Globe for Best Actor in a comedy or musical.

This is also a big award season for *Argo*, directed by Ben Affleck. *Argo* shocked critics with its two Golden Globes earning the award for Best Picture Drama, and Best Director.

Argo is nominated for seven Academy Awards.

Not to be outdone, though, is Steven Spielberg's juggernaut *Lincoln*, with a leading 12 Oscar nominations.

The film's titular character, played by Daniel Day-Lewis, could be a shoe-in for Best Actor.

Companies keep pace, bump up releases to match competition

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With the arrival of 2013 much change comes in the world of videogames. Major corporation Microsoft plans for a new console release.

Originally slated for a later release, the date has been bumped to late 2013 or early 2014. The new system, codenamed "Project Durango" will be a large upgrade from the current system.

Senior Conor Tomac is a long time fan of Microsoft game consoles. "I would like to see more done with the cloud, increases in the graphics capabilities as well as online server quality," said Tomac. "I would also like to see the new system use Blu-ray rather than DVD."

Microsoft plans to introduce the Kinect 2 as a follow up to their motion camera. Although the Kinect held many disappointments for Xbox fans, high hopes are held for the future of motion

gaming.

Zack Boone is an O'Gorman senior with interest in video games. He has tried many types of motion gaming especially on Microsoft's Kinect. "I think motion gaming is a good step forward," said Boone. "But it needs to be integral in games rather than being a gimmick."

Project Durango is said to have roughly six times the graphics processing power of its predecessor. Next generation games are looking to further push the boundaries of realistic visuals and interactive controls.

Senior Nic Steffl holds expectations for the new system. "It should have better visual and graphic representation," said Steffl. "Also more benefits for online services."

Much speculation and rumor surrounds the system as many await its reveal at E3 or Electronic Entertainment Expo summer of 2013.

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Photo Survey

What would you do if Derek Feige asked you to formal?



"Been there. Done that."

-Maggie Schmidt



"No. I don't like baseball players."

-Cassandra Ruppert



"Who's Derek Fiege?"

-Teresa Kooima



"If it was okay with Alex..."

-Ms. Shields

School safety, gun control hot topics after deadly Newtown massacre

Staff Editorial

There is an eternal mourning that is happening in America. Every few months - just when we all start to forget - it happens again.

One more shooting.

This summer we watched in horror as a gunman entered a movie theatre in Aurora, Colo. and shot innocent moviegoers.

Then we saw the massacre that happened in Newtown, Conn.

Just as so many times before, we all watched as families poured out their grief over an incident that could never happen in their community.

We saw politicians taking stands on gun control.

We saw the NRA defending its position.

And then...nothing.

It all gets left just as before. Until we watch once more as yet another shooter enters a school, shopping center or movie theatre.

The time for bluster is over. The time for stoic opposition to ideas is over. The time for rhetoric is over.

So what should we do?

First, we have to look more carefully at our laws regarding guns.

Now, many gun owners begin to cringe at the mention of this. They believe that their second amendment rights are being violated by any mention of restricting gun use.

But let's be clear. We're not talking about dad's hunting rifle or shotgun. We're talking about assault rifles with high capacity clips.

So let's ask ourselves - should such easy access be granted to these devices that promote one goal only: to kill the living.

While not overly publicized, the USCCB discusses the need for control and elimination of guns from society.

And this shouldn't surprise us. As Catholics, we know that the use of contraception is wrong. Like guns, it too takes away life.

So are we going to look away from this issue?

Our constitution grants us certain rights. These rights have made us one of the strongest countries in the world. But our constitution is not infallible.

When the second amendment was passed in 1791, America had no military - only militias. And the weaponry of the time was merely limited to muskets and cannons.

To say that our firepower has changed over time is an understatement. To say that perhaps we need to limit access to high powered deadly weapons, however, brings scrutiny from second amendment advocates.

But they fail to realize something important - the constitution is a living breathing document, not something chiseled in stone.

The first amendment guarantees the freedom of the press, yet television press is censored by the Federal Communications Com-

mission.

This is in direct conflict with the constitution, yet for purposes unknown when the amendment was passed, our government has decided to take steps in the direction of people's best interests.

But guns aren't the only issue we need to examine as a country.

We also need to look at our mental healthcare system. We need to provide easier access for individuals who are struggling with anger issues, depression or anxiety.

Therapy and medication are both costly, but they are necessary and can prevent individuals from making horrific decisions that ruin - and end - lives.

As we move forward, new ideas are thrown forward.

The NRA has suggested posting an armed guard outside of each public school. However, Columbine High School had an armed guard, which didn't prevent Eric Harris or Dylan Klebold from entering.

Gun control advocates want to make it harder to attain weapons and enforce stricter background checks. But this is not perfect either, as individuals who want guns will find a way to get them.

So now what?

Let's start with prayer. Prayer for the victims of these massacres. Prayer for our leaders. Prayer for our families. And prayer for those who are struggling.

Moving D.C. trip wrong option for students as numbers drop

Once in a lifetime opportunity - normally we use the words for a flaunting trip or a chance to do something never done before. They are not words we usually associate with a school trip.

But that is just what Mr. Doug Lindner, Close-Up trip organizer since the early 1990s, believes when talking about the Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C.

First things first, no matter when the trip is it will be a fantastic and intuitive experience for every student that chooses to go. "The possibilities that arise from this trip are endless," says Lindner.

Right now the trip is scheduled for May 26-31. In past years it has been in late March or early April. If the trip were to be in the spring it would be that much more engaging and engraving for the students.

The spring session is when most of the international students attend the trip, which gives our students a chance to meet and learn about other countries' governments, politics, and foreign policy, a key issue for



Ben Rogers

the future of this country.

Administrators believe that students shouldn't be missing too many school days, and the problem that causes with make-up work and tests. But wouldn't a trip to the capital of the United States of America be a bit more inspiring and make a lasting impression instead of sitting in a classroom?

And if a student is going on this trip and putting in all the time and money to make it there, wouldn't that person be on top of all of their school responsibilities anyway?

A reason for the trip being in the spring is the fact that stu-

dents come back from this trip with an enthusiasm and energy that spills over to the other students through the sharing of their unique experiences. If the trip is in the summer all those reminiscences the students share with each other are lost.

"In the past four trips we have had at least 25 kids each time," said Lindner. "But over the past 20 years we have averaged 10-15 kids."

Numbers will never lie and right now the numbers are saying going in the spring is what makes more logical sense.

Last year during the informational meetings more than 60 parents and students showed interest in attending, but once the dates were changed to the summer the number of students fell dramatically to nine students who are currently signed up to go to D.C. Those numbers speak for themselves.

The people actually involved and paying the tuition want to go in the spring. If it ain't broke don't fix it, and nothing was wrong with going in the spring.

Top Ten

Ways for single people to celebrate Valentine's Day

1. Cry alone.
2. Watch *The Notebook*.
3. Eat a gallon of ice cream.
4. Hang out with your parents.
5. Curl up to your nine cats and *Twilight* DVDs.
6. Go to Date-a-Palooza.
7. Send yourself a Valentine.
8. Get a dog and name him Buddy.
9. Eat conversation hearts and read the message to yourself.
10. Go through old pictures of past relationships.

Teacher carries lifelong passion into science

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Ms. Jane Schnell is not your typical physics teacher. Since she was in eighth grade, she knew she wanted to become a teacher.

"In eighth grade I was in a study hall in which I did absolutely nothing. I ended up becoming a second grade teacher's assistant during the day, and from then on, I loved everything about teaching."

Schnell went to a small high school in Lake Preston, S.D. She went to the University of South Dakota for two years and then transferred to Dakota State University in Madison, S.D. There she majored in math and physical science and minored in computer sciences.

After college she worked in Egan, S.D. and Roslyn, S.D. On a dare from her sister, Schnell applied for a position at O'Gorman and got the job.

She came to O'Gorman in the fall of 1994, and has been here since then. Schnell has been a part of the O'Gorman High

School community for total of 18 years.

She first taught physics, AP chemistry and advanced chemistry. As the numbers began to increase in the physics classes, she began to have less time to teach her chemistry classes.

Eventually, the need for more physics classes and the addition of AP physics B filled her schedule.

What many people don't realize about Schnell is that at one point she discerned the religious life.

"I had a set entrance date to enter the sisterhood with the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato," says Schnell. "But after my mom passed away, I decided to stick with teaching."

When Schnell is not grading papers or working overtime to help students, she enjoys being outside working on her landscaping. This past summer she recently purchased an 1100 V-Star Yamaha bike and loves to ride whenever she can.

But Schnell's main passion is teaching. "Teaching is a part of

who I am," she says. "I get enjoyment out of sharing what I know with my students."

Students are Schnell's number one priority, and senior Anabella Gilbert agrees with that sentiment. "Ms. Schnell always puts her students first," says Gilbert. "No matter how busy she is, she will always stop what she's doing to help you out."

Fellow teachers have kind words as well for Schnell.

"She's a very smart lady with a lot to offer," says biology teacher Mrs. Tyone Kruse. "She's a very giving person and donates a lot of time to her students."

Being a teacher is very rewarding to Schnell. "Seeing my students' face when they begin to understand the material, and have it click in their minds is one of the best feelings I get as a teacher," says Schnell.

"Most people decide on a career to make a difference in other people's lives," says Schnell. "By being a teacher, a little piece of me goes out with all of my students, and that's the most rewarding part about this job."



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Michael Shlanta demonstrates a physics lab in Ms. Jane Schnell's physics class. Schnell has taught at O'Gorman since 1994.



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